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TAGS: MARR, AORG, NATO, IT

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION ON ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSAL

1. I SAW PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI MAY 7 AND DISCUSSED ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSAL AMONG OTHER THINGS. DURING THE CONVERSAION I NOTED THE GREAT SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE IDEAS IN ANDREOTTI' S APRIL 19 SPEECH TO COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK AND SUBSEQUENT KISSINGER SPEECH. (WHILE IN WASHINGTON ITALIANS GAVE KISSINGER A COPY OF ANDREOTTI' S SPEECH.) ANDREOTTI EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM FOR THE CONCEPT OF THE ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSAL AND INDICATED THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT MAKE A FURTHER OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

2. DURING EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA AND ANDREOTTI' S DIPLOMATIC ADVISER CAGIATI, DCM LEARNED THAT THE ITALIANS HAD INVITED KISSINGER TO VISIT ITALY IN THE HOPES THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS FUNDAMENTAL EUROPEAN AND ATALANTIC ISSUES IN DEPTH. THIS ASPECT ALSO CAME UP DURING MY TALK WITH ANDREOTTI. THE ITALIANS RECOGNIZE THAT GIVEN THE DEMANDS ON KISSINGER' S TIME IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO TAKE UP THE INVITATION. ANDREOTTI BELIEVES THAT IF KISSINGER CANNOT COME IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF SOMEONE ON THE NSC STAFF COULD COME TO TALK OUT THE ISSUES INVOLVED. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO HELP THE ITALIANS CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN REASONSE WHICH WILL ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS INITIATIVE.

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FORA) ARE BEGINNING TO DEVELOP THEIR POSITIONS. ITALIANS RIGHTLY
DON' T WANT ANY AMERICAN BLUEPRINT BUT THEY WOULD VERY MUCH
WELCOME A CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH LEVEL ITALIAN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER
I RECOMMEND THAT SONNENFELDT OR SOMEONE EQUALLY KNOWLEDGABLE
COME TO ROME FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. IT MIGHT BE THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD BE USEFUL
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